

UTILITY APPLICATION

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (X) Specification in sixteen (16) pages.
- (X) Drawings in eight (8) sheets.
- (X) Declaration by Inventors in two (2) pages.
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CONTINUITY INFORMATION:

Application	Relationship	Parent App. No.	Filing Date	Status
This Application	non-provisional	60/519,762	11/13/03	pending

- (X) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application(s) is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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OTHER APPLICATION PARTS:

- (X) Recordation form cover sheet and Assignment in two (2) total pages (cover sheet & assignment).
- (X) Power of attorney form and copy of assignment in three (3) pages.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

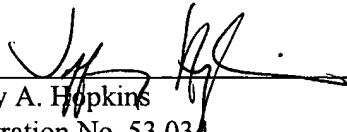
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FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
Basic Utility		2001 (\$385)		\$385
Non-English Spec.		1053 (\$130)		\$0
Recordation Fee		8021 (\$40)	1 x 40 =	\$40
Excess Claims > 20	21 - 20 = 1	2202 (\$9)	1 x 9 =	\$9
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Multiple Claim		2203 (\$145)		\$0
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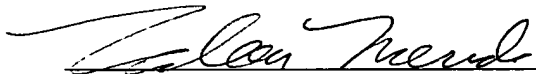
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Declaration by Inventor in 2 pages; Recordation Form Cover Sheet and
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